

I. Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 3-4, 6-7, 9, 13-14, 19-21, and 27 remain pending. Please ensure claims 1-2, 8, 10, 12, 24-26, 28-48 are cancelled without prejudice.

The below listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

A. Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) A transporting accessory for a vehicle, the transporting accessory as claimed in claim 2, further comprising:
a base frame mountable to the vehicle, the base frame having two support members;
a second frame having two extension members, each extension member slidably borne by a respective one of the support members, each extension member having at least one guide roller and being movable along a path of travel between a first, retracted position and a second, extended position;
a carriage pivotally mounted to the second frame, the carriage having at least one arm, the carriage movable between a first position and a second, inclined position; and
a transport support having at least one track, the at least one track slidably borne by the carriage, the transport support being movable along a path of travel between a first, retracted position and a second, extended position and positioned such that the transport support contacts at least one support roller of each extension member when the transport support is in the retracted position; and
a drive assembly operable to return the extension members to the first, retracted position from the second, extended position;
wherein the drive assembly includes a housing and a winch with a drum wound with a cable; and
wherein the cable is an actuating mechanism coupled to the carriage second frame and the carriage, the actuating mechanism operable to pivot the carriage.
4. (Currently Amended) The transporting accessory as claimed in claim 3, wherein the ~~actuating mechanism~~ drive assembly is powered by a vehicle's a electric actuator system.
5. (Previously Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A transporting accessory for a vehicle, the transporting accessory comprising:

a base frame mountable to the vehicle, the base frame having two support members;
a second frame having two extension members, each extension member including at least one roller slidably borne by a respective one of the support members, each extension member movable along a path of travel between a first, retracted position and a second, extended position;

a carriage pivotally mounted to the second frame, the carriage having two parallel side arms, each side arm having at least one roller;

a transport support having two tracks, each track slidably borne by the at least one roller of one of the two parallel side arms, the transport support being movable along a path of travel between a first, retracted position and a second, extended position;

an assembly drive operable to allow movement move of the second frame extension members between from the first, retracted position and to the second, extended position; and

an actuating mechanism a cable coupled to the second frame and the carriage transport support, the cable actuating mechanism operable to move the transport support between its first, retracted position and its second, extended position.

7. (Currently Amended) The transporting accessory as claimed in claim 6, wherein the actuating mechanism is an electric actuator assembly is electric and powered by at least one of a vehicle's electrical system and an auxiliary battery.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A method of loading and unloading cargo into and from a transporting accessory for a vehicle, the method comprising:

mounting a base frame of the transporting accessory to the vehicle, the base frame having two support members;

positioning the cargo into a transport support of the transporting accessory; ~~activating a drive assembly a first time to move~~ moving two extension members of a second frame of the transporting accessory along a telescoping path of travel with respect to the base frame between a first, retracted position and a second, extended position;

~~activating an actuating mechanism a first time to pivot a carriage and to move~~ pivoting a carriage and moving a transport support along a transport support path of travel between a first, retracted position and a second, extended position, ~~the actuating mechanism being coupled to the second frame and the carriage,~~ the carriage being pivotally mounted to the second frame;

activating ~~the actuating mechanism~~ a second time drive assembly to pivot the carriage to cause the transport support to move along the transport support path of travel between the second, extended position and the first, retracted position; and

~~activating the drive a second time~~ to move the two extension members along the telescoping path of travel between the second, extended position and the first, retracted position.

10.-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A transporting accessory for a vehicle, the transporting accessory as claimed in claim 12, further comprising:

a base frame mountable to the vehicle, the base frame having two support members;

a second frame having two extension members, each extension member slidably borne by a respective one of the support members, each extension member having at least one guide roller and being movable along a path of travel between a first, retracted position and a second, extended position;

a carriage pivotally mounted to the second frame, the carriage having at least one arm, the at least one arm having at least one carriage roller, the carriage movable between a first, substantially parallel position and a second, inclined position;

a transport support having at least one track, the at least one track slidably borne by the at least one roller of the carriage, the transport support being movable along a path of travel between a first, retracted position and a second, extended position and positioned such that the transport support contacts at least one guide roller of each extension member when the transport support is in the retracted position; and

a drive assembly operable to move the extension members between the second, extended position and the first, retracted position and to move the transport support between the second, extended position and the first, retracted position, wherein the drive assembly includes a winch, the winch including a drum that is operable to rotate in both clockwise and counter clockwise directions to wind the cable thereon, the cable having a first end mounted to the drum and a second end mounted to the transport support.

14. (Currently Amended) The transporting accessory as claimed in claim 3, wherein the transport support includes at least one ground roller ~~pivotally~~ mounted to the transport support, the at least one ground roller positioned such that it contacts a ground surface when the transport support is in the extended position.

15.-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) The transporting accessory as claimed in claim 6, wherein the base frame includes at least one side beam, the side beam having at least one aperture therein for mounting the base frame to the vehicle by inserting fasteners into the at least one aperture.

20. (Currently Amended) The transporting accessory as claimed in claim 6, wherein the carriage is movable between a first ~~subsequently parallel~~ position that is substantially parallel to a bed the vehicle bed and a second, inclined position.

21. (Previously Presented) The transporting accessory as claimed in claim 6, wherein the transport support is positioned such that the transport support contacts at least one roller of each side arm when the transport support is in the retracted position.

22. – 26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously Amended) A transporting accessory for a vehicle, the transporting accessory as claimed in claim 8, comprising:

a base frame mountable to the vehicle, the base frame having two support members;

a second frame having two extension members, each extension member including at least one guide roller slidably borne by a respective one of the support members, each extension member movable along a path of travel between a first, retracted position and a second, extended position;

a carriage pivotally mounted to the second frame, the carriage having two parallel side arms, each side arm having at least one carriage roller;

a transport support having two tracks, each track slidably borne by the at least one carriage roller of one of the two parallel side arms, the transport support being movable along a path of travel between a first, retracted position and a second, extended position; and

a drive assembly operable to move the transport support wherein the drive assembly includes a winch, the winch includes a drum that has a locked, wind position and unlocked, unwind position, and is operable to rotate in both clockwise and counterclockwise directions to wind a cable thereon, the cable having a first end mounted to the drum and a second end mounted attached to the transport support.

28.-48. (Cancelled)